

**THE MINUTES OF THE HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

10:30 a.m.

Room 326 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Government Operations was called to order by **Representative Leon Drolet**, Chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Drolet, Hoogendyk, Gosselin, Garfield, Sheen, Emmons and Tobocman.

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representatives Lipsey and Lemmons, III.

Chairman Drolet laid **HB 6697** before the committee:

HB 6697 Drolet Cemeteries and funerals; prepaid contracts; prepaid funeral contract funding act; revise scope regarding activities of religious cemeteries.

TESTIMONY

Phil Douma and **Peter Ellsworth**, representing the Michigan Funeral Directors Association, testified in opposition to the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Roy Betzler, **Terry Desmond** and **Dave Techner**, representing the Michigan Funeral Directors Association, testified in opposition to the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Rick Gamber, representing the Michigan Consumer Federation, submitted a card in opposition to the bill and did not wish to speak.

Jack Schick, representing the Mt. Elliott Cemetery Association, submitted a card in opposition to the bill and did not wish to speak.

Del Chenault, representing the White Chapel Cemetery, submitted a card in opposition to the bill and did not wish to speak.

Chairman Drolet laid **HB 6639** before the committee:

HB 6639 Drolet Local government; other; blighted area rehabilitation; procedures in blighted area rehabilitation act for condemnation of blighted property; revise.

TESTIMONY

Andy Schor, representing the Michigan Municipal League, testified and did not indicate a position on the bill.

Representative Gosselin moved to report **HB 6639** with recommendation. The motion was supported by **Representative Tobocman**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **5-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Drolet, Gosselin, Garfield, Sheen and Tobocman,
Nays: None,
Pass: None.

Chairman Drolet laid **HB 6465** and **HB 6466** before the committee:

HB 6465	Drolet	Civil rights; speech and assembly; banning of cameras or unreasonably restricting local media access to sidelines for purpose of reporting on the event; prohibit in sports facility receiving tax dollars for construction costs.
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HB 6466	Drolet	Civil rights; speech and assembly; banning certain fan displays and signs; prohibit in sports facility receiving tax dollars for construction or operating costs.
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TESTIMONY

Representative Drolet, sponsor of HB 6465 and HB 6466, explained his bills to the committee.

Larry Crittenden, representing the Michigan Association of Broadcasters, submitted a card in support of the bills and did not wish to speak.

Shelli Weisberg, representing the American Civil Liberties Union (A.C.L.U.), submitted a card in support of the bills and did not wish to speak.

Representative Garfield moved to adopt the substitute **(H-1)** to **HB 6465**. The motion was supported by **Representative Gosselin**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **6-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Drolet, Hoogendyk, Gosselin, Garfield, Sheen and Tobocman,
Nays: None,
Pass: None.

Representative Hoogendyk moved to report **HB 6465** with recommendation, as substitute **(H-1)**. The motion was supported by **Representative Gosselin**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **6-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Drolet, Hoogendyk, Gosselin, Garfield, Sheen and Tobocman,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

Representative Garfield moved to report **HB 6466** with recommendation. The motion was supported by **Representative Sheen**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **6-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Drolet, Hoogendyk, Gosselin, Garfield, Sheen and Tobocman,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

Chairman Drolet laid **HB 6527** before the committee:

HB 6527	Tobocman	Gaming; casinos; employees required to be licensed to work in a casino; modify.
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TESTIMONY

Representative Tobocman, sponsor of HB 6527, explained his bill to the committee.

Ralph Sampson, representing the Michigan Council on Crime and Delinquency, testified in support of the bill.

Ken Fletcher, representing the AFL-CIO, testified in support of the bill.

Shelli Weisberg, representing the American Civil Liberties Union (A.C.L.U.), submitted a card and written testimony in support of the bill and did not wish to speak.

Nadine Nosal, representing the International Union, U.A.W., submitted a card in support of the bill and did not wish to speak.

Representative Tobocman offered the following amendment to **HB 6527**:

1. Amend page 7, line 4, after “**GAMING.**” by striking out the balance of the line through “**BEVERAGES.**” on line 6.

Representative Tobocman moved to adopt the amendment. The motion was supported by **Representative Garfield**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **5-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Drolet, Gosselin, Garfield, Emmons and Tobocman,
Nays: None,
Pass: None.

Representative Tobocman moved to report **HB 6527** with recommendation, as amended. The motion was supported by **Representative Garfield**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **5-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Drolet, Gosselin, Garfield, Emmons and Tobocman,
Nays: None,
Pass: None.

The committee went at ease at 11:29 a.m.

The committee reconvened at 11:36 a.m.

Chairman Drolet announced that the committee has received, on behalf of the Michigan House of Representatives, the following performance audits from the Office of the Auditor General:

September 2006

#3125005 - Performance Audit - Migrant, English Language Learners, and Bilingual Programs - Michigan Department of Education

#0718105 - Performance Audit - High School Graduation and Dropout Rates - Center for Educational Performance and Information - Department of Management and Budget

#2725606 - Financial Audit - Transition in the Office of State Treasurer - Department of Treasury

#3330006 - Performance Audit - State Universities' Reporting of Selected Higher Education Institutional Data Inventory (HEIDI) Data

#2725005 - Performance Audit - Bureau of Investments - Department of Treasury

October 2006

#084055505 - Performance Audit - Network Application Server Controls - Department of Information Technology

#6450006- Performance Audit - Selected Community Colleges' Reporting of Activities Classification Structure Date

#5510105 - Financial Audit - Michigan Justice Training Fund - Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards - Michigan Department of State Police

November 2006

#231029005 - Performance Audit - Releasing Driver and Vehicle Records - Bureau of Driver and Vehicle Records - Department of State

#391090005 - Performance Audit - Caro Center - Bureau of Hospitals, Centers, and Forensic Mental Health Services - Department of Community Health

Representative Garfield moved to adopt the minutes of the **November 28, 2006** meeting. The motion was supported by **Representative Gosselin**. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Representative Garfield moved to excuse absent members from the committee. The motion was supported by **Representative Gosselin**. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The committee went at ease at 11:38 a.m.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting from the House floor at 5:00 p.m.

Representative Leon Drolet, Chair
House Standing Committee on Government Operations
Malika Abdur-Rashid
Committee Clerk
517-373-7256
1 Hour and 8 Minutes